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1. DANISH INTERNATIONAL SAKHAROV COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED [REDACTED] SUGGESTION FOR A NEW HEARING CONCERNING THE CASE OF RAUUL WALLEBERG, AND PLANS HOLD A ONE DAY "WALLEBERG HEARING" IN VIENNA PROBABLY IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. ADAM KALINSKY AND OTHER SURVIVORS OF SOVIET PRISON CAMPS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF WALLEBERG'S FATE WILL BE INVITED TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES. NO SPECIFIC CONCLUSION WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE AT END OF HEARING AND PRESS WILL BE LEFT TO EVALUATE TESTIMONY PRESENTED.

2. COMMITTEE HAS MAILED AN INFORMATION LEAFLET TO SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS BUT IS NOT REPEAT NOT YET READY TO BEGIN A PRESS BUILD-UP FOR THE HEARING. WEILL ADVISE WHEN PLANS ARE TO BE MADE PUBLIC.

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TAGS: SHUM PINT UR US SW
SUBJ: (C) RAOUL WALLENBERG CASE: MEDIA COVERAGE OF VISIT TO US
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REF: A) STATE 189168, B) STOCKHOLM 2833

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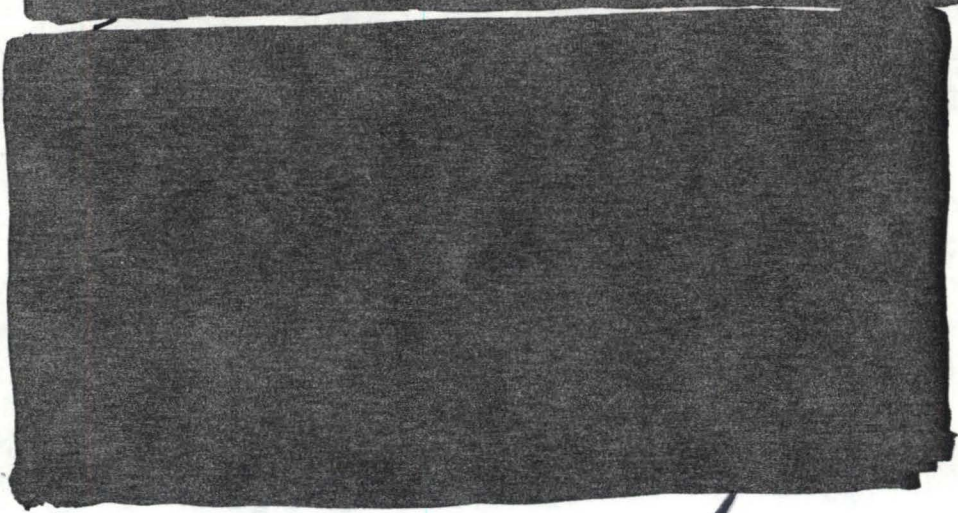
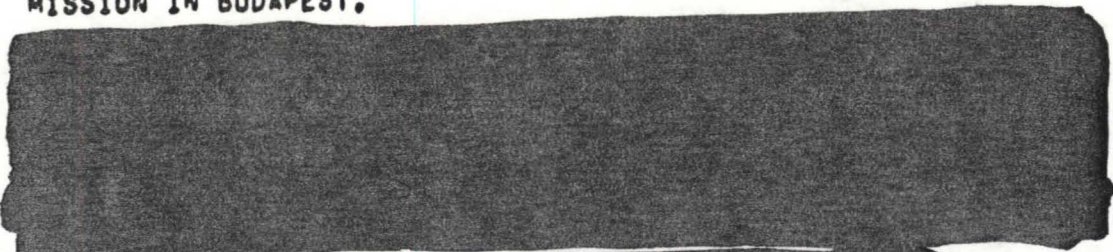
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2. (U) FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION N JULY 24 BETWEEN MFA SECRETARY GENERAL LEIF LEIFLAND AND SWEDISH TV REPORTER:
REPORTER: WHAT ABOUT THE US SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR WALLEMBERG. WALLEMBERG WAS, THIS IS NO SECRET, COMMISSIONED BY THE US FOR HIS MISSION IN BUDAPEST IN THOSE DAYS?
LEIFLAND: YES, THAT IS CORRECT. WHEN WALLEMBERG WAS SENT DOWN TO BUDAPEST IN THE SPRING OF 1944 IT WAS DONE AFTER A REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM. IT IS ALSO NO SECRET THAT HIS ACTIVITIES PARTLY WERE FINANCED BY AMERICAN MONEY, AND I CAN WELL IMAGINE THAT, AS YOU PUT IT, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FEELS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR WALLEMBERG'S MISSION IN BUDAPEST.



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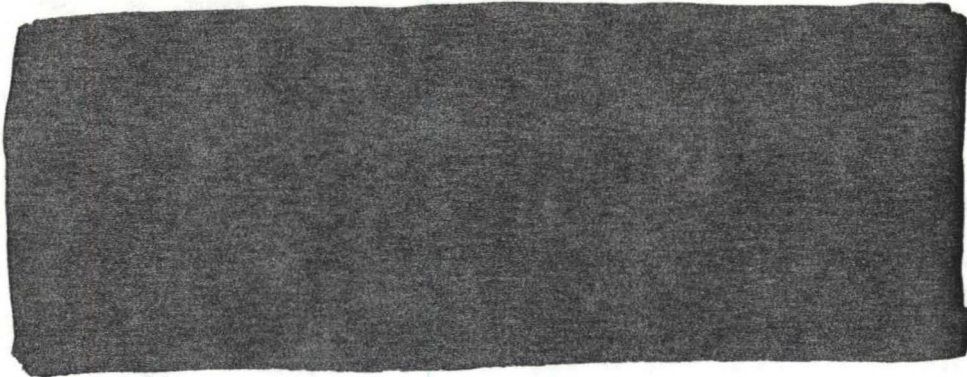
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON RAUL
WALLENBERG CASE

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1. HQS RELAYING REF WHICH REPORTS THAT DANISH SAKHAROV COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARING ON WALLENBERG CASE.

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3. DAS BARRY CALLED IN SOVIET CHARGE VASEV ON JULY 21 TO DISCUSS RAUL WALLENBERG CASE. BARRY HANDED VASEV FOLLOWING NOW PAPER.

4. "DURING WORLD WAR II THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE UNITED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFEAT THE NAZIS AND TO HALT THE SPREAD OF NAZI ATROCITIES IN EUROPE.

5. "MR RAUL WALLENBERG, WORKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN WARTIME BUDAPEST, DID A GREAT DEAL TO ASSIST EAST EUROPEAN JEWS IN FLEEING NAZISM. THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS HIS NATIVE LAND, SWEDEN, TOOK A DEEP AND ACTIVE INTEREST IN MR. WALLENBERG'S COURAGEOUS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THREATENED JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II. FOR A TIME, THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED FUNDS TO SUPPORT HIS HUMANITARIAN TASK.

6. " THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS EMANATING FROM PERSONS WHO LEFT THE SOVIET UNION IN RECENT MONTHS AND YEARS THAT MR. WALLENBERG MAY STILL BE ALIVE. THESE REPORTS INCLUDED ACCOUNTS OF PERSONS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN HIM. HE WOULD BE IN HIS LATE SIXTIES NOW AND HIS FAMILY IN SWEDEN IS MOST ANXIOUS TO CONFIRM THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE AND, IF SO, TO BE REUNITED WITH HIM. OUT OF

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CONSIDERATION FOR MR. WALLENBERG'S UNCHALLENGED CONTRIBUTION TO THE LESSENING OF HUMAN SUFFERING, AND BECAUSE OF OUR SUPPORT OF HIS WARTIME EFFORTS, WE REQUEST, ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, THAT WE BE PROVIDED WITH COMPLETE DETAILS ABOUT HIS FATE."

7. BARRY ADDED THAT US HAD AN INTEREST IN CASE FOR TWO REASONS:

(A) WALLENBERG UNDERTOOK ASSIGNMENT TO BUDAPEST PARTLY AT BEHEST US OFFICIALS IN PURSUIT OF AN OBJECTIVE OF GREAT CONCERN TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND,

(B) THE FUNDING FOR WALLENBERG'S ACTIVITIES WAS IN PART US FUNDS.

8. BARRY EXPLAINED THAT WALLENBERG'S RELATIVES WERE CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON SEEKING US ASSISTANCE IN RAISING WALLENBERG MATTER WITH SOVIETS. RELATIVES ARGUED THAT SINCE US WAS INVOLVED IN WALLENBERG'S HUMANITARIAN MISSION IN BUDAPEST, WE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIS FATE.

9. VASEV SAID HE HAD READ REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN APPROACHED PRESIDENT CARTER ON THIS MATTER, AND SPECULATED THIS WAS WHY WE WERE BRINGING IT UP. VASEV SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WITH A REPORT ON WALLENBERG IN 1957 STATING HE HAD DIED IN PRISON IN 1947. VASEV SAID THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO ADD.

10. BARRY REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF PM BEGIN'S INTEREST IN THE CASE THAT WE WERE RAISING IT, BUT BECAUSE US SAW AN INTEREST OF ITS OWN IN THE MATTER. BARRY SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE SOVIET REPORT OF 1957, BUT STATED VARIOUS PEOPLE HAD CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN HIM ALIVE SINCE THEN.

11. VASEV SAID HE HAD READ THOSE REPORTS WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS THIRD HAND, AND ASSERTED SOVIETS WOULD NOT SAY HE WAS DEAD IF HE WAS NOT. VASEV SAID HE KNEW OF THIS CASE IN THE 1950'S WHEN HE WAS AN AIDE TO GROMYKO, AND MENTIONED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD WANTED TO ACCOMMODATE THE SWEDES SINCE THEY WERE WELL AWARE OF THE WALLENBERG FAMILY'S PROMINENCE, BUT THERE WAS NO MORE INFORMATION. WHILE VASEV AGREED TO REPORT MEETING TO MOSCOW, HIS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NOTHING NEW.

12. BARRY SAID IT WOULD BE REASSURING IF WE COULD RECEIVE A

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MORE DETAILED REPORT ON MR. WALLEMBERG'S FATE.

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Mystery Surrounds Fate of Swede Who Saved Jews

By NADINE BROZAN

Nina Lagergren of Stockholm and Annette Lantos of San Francisco, though they met for the first time earlier this summer, have had a common mission for more than three decades.

Mrs. Lagergren is the half-sister of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish businessman who saved 20,000 Jews in Budapest from the Nazis and who was then taken prisoner by Soviet forces. She has never accepted the official Soviet explanation that Mr. Wallenberg died of a heart attack in a Soviet prison in 1947.

Mrs. Lantos is a Hungarian Jewish refugee who says that neither she nor her husband, Dr. Thomas P. Lantos, a professor of economics at the University of California in San Francisco, "nor any other Jew in Budapest in 1944, would have survived but for Mr. Wallenberg."

Finally, after a news conference in New York sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, the two women met in Washington with Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance. A State Department spokesman said that Mr. Vance "told them that we have recently raised this case with the Soviet Government and we are awaiting a Soviet reply."

Senators Announce Effort

The same week, the formation of a Free Raoul Wallenberg Committee was announced by four Senators, including Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democrat of New York. Similar support has been expressed in Britain and Israel.

For Mrs. Lagergren, who came to the United States this summer to join Mrs. Lantos in recruiting support for their search, the efforts now promised by world leaders mark the end of solitude.

"For all of these years we have been alone in this struggle," she said. "Because Sweden had been a neutral country during the war, there were no other Swedish families with a political prisoner. Everybody said, 'How can you believe he's still alive?'"

Answered American Request

From May 15 to July 7, 1944, 437,000 Jews from rural Hungary were deported to Auschwitz. That summer, Raoul Wallenberg, then 32 years old, answered a request made to the American Ambassador to Sweden by President Roosevelt to help save the Jews of Hungary. He seemed a natural candidate: He was the descendant of an influential family, he was multilingual and well educated and he had already publicly expressed concern for the plight of the Jews, although he was not a Jew.

He was accredited as secretary of the Swedish legation in Budapest and arrived there on July 9. He began issuing Swedish protective passports, which granted their 5,000 bearers the protection of the Swedish Government, but he could not give them the right to emigrate.

Swedish Passports Used

In October, the anti-Semitic extremists known as the Arrow Cross overthrew the Hungarian Government and threatened to exterminate the Jews.

"Somehow Raoul managed to maintain the legal facade of the passports," Mrs. Lagergren said. "He discovered that one Arrow Cross Cabinet member had Jewish blood somewhere in his family and got him to exert pressure on the Nazis to continue recognizing the passports."

Meanwhile, German military units were marching some 40,000 Jews to forced labor in Austrian factories. Official records showed that Mr. Wallenberg literally snatched away 2,000 Jews on the

highway with assertions of Swedish protection and also forced the return of additional Jews already working in factories.

According to witnesses, Mr. Wallenberg uncovered a Nazi plot to annihilate all Jews just before the Russians stormed

the city. "He convinced the German forces that they would be treated as war criminals for the last-minute slaughter, and he stopped it," Mrs. Lagergren said.

Denials by Soviet

When the Russians took the city, Mr. Wallenberg attempted to negotiate for restoration of the Jews' rights and property but was taken into Russian custody. Despite 20 inquiries by the Swedish Government over 12 years, Soviet officials denied any knowledge of Mr. Wallenberg's presence in their country.

In the early 1950's, Sweden interrogated wartime captives being released from Soviet prisons and pieced together evidence suggesting that Mr. Wallenberg had been incarcerated on charges of espionage and that he was still alive.

In 1957 the Soviet Union announced that it had found a scrap of paper in a prison that recorded the death of one "Wallenberg" from a heart attack. The spelling was incorrect and no first name was given.

Comment Is Retracted

In 1961 Dr. Nanna Svartz, a family friend, was attending a medical conference in Moscow and asked a Russian professor if he knew about the case. "He told her, 'Yes, he's in a mental hospital and in a bad state,'" Mrs. Lagergren said. Dr. Svartz appealed to the Swedish Prime Minister, who wrote to Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. When Dr. Svartz returned to Moscow two months later, her Russian colleague retracted his account, contending that he had been misunderstood.

This year two new pieces of evidence came to the surface. A Polish officer who emigrated to Israel said he had been in a prison with Mr. Wallenberg in the 1950's, and a Russian Jew telephoned his daughter in Israel and said that he had met a Swede who had been in prison for 30 years and who was well. Although that phone call was made in 1976, it did not become public knowledge until several months ago.

"For years I have been struggling to reconcile myself with the Holocaust, and I decided that I would never be able to understand the cruelty," said Mrs. Lantos, who lectures on the Holocaust. "I decided I had to concentrate on those like Raoul Wallenberg, who had risked their lives to save us. That kind of heroism brought me some sort of peace."

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1. (U) SWEDISH MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO ANY AND ALL ASPECTS OF RAUL WALLEMBERG CASE. THE ACCEPTANCE THIS WEEK BY WALLEMBERG'S HALF-SISTER, NINA LAGERGREN, OF AN AWARD FOR WALLEMBERG FROM THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION (HOLOCAUST COMMISSION) WAS FIRST-PAGE NEWS. MRS. LAGERGREN'S STATEMENT AT THE CEREMONY IN COPENHAGEN THAT SHE BELIEVES HER BROTHER IS STILL ALIVE AND THAT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE CASE WAS ALSO WIDELY REPORTED.

2. (U) PRESS ALSO REPORTED ON A BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY BY PER ANGER, SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOS HANDLING OF THE WALLEMBERG CASE IN

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THE EARLY 50'S. ANGER, WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH WALLEMBERG AT SWEDISH LEGATION IN BUDAPEST AT THE CLOSE OF WAR, SAID GOS AFTER WAR "SACRIFICED WALLEMBERG ON THE ALTAR OF SWEDISH NEUTRALITY" AND, PARTICULARLY FORMER FM OSTER UNDEN, FAILED TO PURSUE CASE OUT OF FEAR OF DISTURBING RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. ANGER SAID THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON RETIREMENT FROM DIPLOMATIC SERVICE HE WOULD DEVOTE ALL HIS TIME TO COOPERATING WITH VARIOUS WALLEMBERG COMMITTEES IN SWEDEN, U.S., CANADA, UK AND ISRAEL TO GET TO BOTTOM OF THIS CASE.

3. (U) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON ANGER'S ATTEMPT, FM BLIX TOLD PRESS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS FULLY THE ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF WALLEMBERG, THAT SUCH ACTIVITY "ACCORDS WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE," AND THAT GOS WELCOMES ALL ATTEMPTS WHICH MAY LEAD TO A SOLUTION OF WALLEMBERG AFFAIR.

4. (U) AN EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 8 IN CONSERVATIVE SVENSKA DAGBLADET CLEARLY SIDED WITH LAGERGREN AND ANGER AND SAID THERE MUST BE NO MORE BEATING AROUND THE BUSH BY GOS. SWEDEN, THE PAPER SAID, MUST DEMAND IN MOSCOW THAT WALLEMBERG BE FREED AND TURNED OVER TO SWEDISH AUTHORITIES.

5. (LOU) SHORTLY AFTER HER RETURN FROM TWO-WEEK VISIT TO US, MRS. LAGERGREN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO EMBOFF FOR THE SYMPATHETIC RECEPTION SHE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, PARTICULARLY FROM DEPARTMENT OFFICERS GOODBY AND FUNSETH. SHE SAID FURTHER THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD BEEN MOST UNDERSTANDING OF HER BROTHER'S PLIGHT AND THAT SHE WAS REASSURED BY HIS STATEMENTS AND THOSE OF OTHER US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE EXTENDED.
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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS US APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON WALLEMBERG

REF: (A) STATE 189108, (B) STOCKHOLM 3062

1. (U) STOCKHOLM DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET REPORTED AUGUST 9 THAT US HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM SOVIETS VIA SOVIET EMBASSY WEDNESDAY ON FATE OF MAUL WALLEMBERG, BUT HAS YET TO RECEIVE REPLY FROM MOSCOW.

2. (C) MFA PRESS DIVISION CHIEF ERIC PIERRE CALLED CHARGE DURING EVENING OF AUGUST 8 TO MENTION PRESS INQUIRIES TO MFA RE US INITIATIVE. QUESTIONS WERE STIMULATED, ACCORDING TO PIERRE, BY ARTICLE IN NY TIMES OF AUGUST 4 (UNAVAILABLE YET TO EMBASSY) WHICH QUOTED "A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN" AS SAYING SECRETARY VANCE HAD INFORMED MRS. NINA LAGERGREN OF US REQUEST DURING VISIT OF LATTER TO WASHINGTON IN JULY.

3. (C) PIERRE RESPONDED TO PRESS QUESTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: GUS WAS AWARE OF US INITIATIVE AND WELCOMED IT; AND US SEEMS TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE -- SINCE IT IS ALREADY PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT WALLEMBERG WENT TO BUDAPEST AT AMERICAN URGING AND WITH AMERICAN FINANCING.

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4. (C) PIERRE SAID HE REGRETTED APPARENT LEAK ON US
APPROACH TO SOVIETS BUT ADDED THAT NY TIMES, NOT
SWEDISH SOURCE, APPEARED TO BE RESPONSIBLE. EMBASSY
HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES THUS FAR ON SVENSKA DAGBLADET
STORY. IF WE DO, AND UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, EMBASSY
WOULD PLAN CONFIRM THAT APPROACH WAS MADE, WITHOUT
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SUBJECT:PRESS PLAY ABOUT NEW REPORT ON WALLENBERG CASE

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1. AUGUST 11 ISSUE OF WASHINGTON POST CARRIED AN ARTICLE,
"WWII MYSTERY. SWEDEN INVESTIGATES LETTER AS CLUE TO
MISSING DIPLOMAT", REPORTING THAT NEW INFORMATION HAS COME
TO LIGHT RECENTLY ON THE WALLENBERG CASE. ARTICLE WAS
WRITTEN BY JOHN BIERMAN OF THE BOSTON GLOBE AND DATED
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2. TEXT OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY IS INVESTIGATING A LETTER
CONTAINING NEW INDICATIONS THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, A SWEDISH

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DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWISH LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II, MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN THE SOVIET PRISON SYSTEM.

WALLENBERG, A CENTER OF DIPLOMATIC CONTROVERSY FOR YEARS, DIED IN PRISON IN 1947, ACCORDING TO SOVIET OFFICIALS.

SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, SEVERAL PERSONS RELEASED FROM VARIOUS SOVIET PRISONS HAVE TOLD OF SEEING WALLENBERG OR HEARING

SECOND-HAND ACCOUNTS OF HIS PRESENCE.

THE LETTER SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY BE ALIVE WAS PURPORTEDLY SMUGGLED OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION TO A WOMAN WHO LIVES HERE.

SOVIET AFFAIRS EXPERTS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN STOCKHOLM ARE CHECKING OUT THE LETTER TO DETERMINE ITS AUTHENTICITY.

THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY EUGENIA KAPLAN IN MOSCOW TO HER DAUGHTER, ANNA BILDER, IN ISRAEL. IT GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF HOW JAN KAPLAN, THE HUSBAND OF EUGENIA KAPLAN, MET "THIS SWISS OR SWEDE WALLENBERG" IN THE BUTYRKA PRISON INFIRMARY IN 1975.

KAPLAN HAD BEEN JAILED IN 1975 ON CURRENCY CHARGES. WHEN HE WAS RELEASED 18 MONTHS LATER FOR HEALTH REASONS, HE TELEPHONED BILDER IN ISRAEL TO TELL HER OF HIS RELEASE. IN THE CONVERSATION, ACCORDING TO HIS DAUGHTER, HE MENTIONED THAT WHILE IN THE PRISON INFIRMARY HE HAD "MET A SWEDE WHO'D BEEN IN DIFFERENT PRISONS FOR 30 YEARS AND HE WAS IN PRETTY GOOD CONDITION".

THE INFORMATION EVENTUALLY WAS GIVEN TO SWEDISH OFFICIALS WHO ASKED THE SOVIETS FOR AN EXPLANATION. LAST JANUARY, THE SOVIETS TOLD SWEDEN THEY HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT WALLENBERG.

IN EARLY JULY, BILDER RECEIVED A LETTER PURPORTEDLY FROM HER MOTHER CONTAINING MORE INFORMATION. THE LETTER, DATED JUNE 14, HAD BEEN BROUGHT FROM MOSCOW BY A NEWLY ARRIVED SOVIET EMIGRANT.

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"I WRITE THIS LETTER BUT I AM NOT SURE IT WILL REACH YOU AND THAT THE SAME THING WILL NOT HAPPEN AS WITH FATHER'S LETTER, BECAUSE OF WHICH HE HAS ALREADY SPENT A YEAR-AND-A-HALF IN PRISON AGAIN", THE MOTHER'S LETTER SAID.

"I LOST ALL HOPE AFTER I WAS CALLED TO LUBIANKA PRISON AND LEARNED THAT ALL THIS TRAGEDY OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE LETTER ABOUT THIS SWISS OR SWEDEN WALLENBERG WHOM HE MET IN THE PRISON INFIRMARY. . . FATHER WROTE A LONG LETTER ABOUT THIS WALLENBERG AND FOR A LONG TIME HE CARRIED IT AROUND WITH HIM LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO SEND IT TO YOU THROUGH A FOREIGN TOURIST. . .

"ONE SATURDAY, FATHER CAME BACK IN A VERY GOOD MOOD AND TOLD ME THAT AT LONG LAST HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN GIVING THE LETTER TO A YOUNG FOREIGN TOURIST WHO PROMISED TO SEND THE

LETTER FROM VIENNA OR GERMANY, I DON'T REMEMBER WHICH."

A FEW DAYS LATER, ON FEBRUARY 3, 1978, THE LETTER SAID, KAPLAN WAS ARRESTED AGAIN. A SOVIET COLONEL AT THE PRISON TOLD MRS. KAPLAN, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN ARRESTED BECAUSE, AFTER BEING FREED, HE HAD "UNGRATEFULLY DECIDED TO SEND OUT ILLEGALLY THROUGH A FOREIGNER AN ANTI-SOVIET SPY LETTER TO ISRAEL".

BILDER SAYS SHE IS CONVINCED THAT THE LETTER IS GENUINE. IT IS HER MOTHER'S HANDWRITING, SHE SAYS, AND THE MODE OF EXPRESSION IS HER MOTHER'S.

WALLENBERG'S SURVIVING FAMILY-A HALF-BROTHER, PROF. GUY VAN DARDEL, AND A HALF-SISTER, NINA LAGERGREN-HAVE BEEN FORMING COMMITTEES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN RECENT MONTHS TO PRESS THE SOVIETS TO MAKE A FULLER DISCLOSURE OF WALLENBERG'S FATE.

WALLENBERG, WHO IF ALIVE WOULD BE 65, WAS SENT TO THE SWEDISH LEGATION IN BUDAPEST LATE IN WORLD WAR II TO SAVE JEWS. HE ISSUED THOUSANDS OF SPECIAL SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO HUNGARIAN JEWS, ENABLING THEM TO ESCAPE HITLER'S DEATH CAMPS.

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HE WAS LAST SEEN OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION WHEN, SHORTLY AFTER RUSSIAN TROOPS MOVED INTO BUDAPEST, HE WAS TAKEN TO A MEETING WITH MARSHAL RODION MALINOVSKY, COMMANDER OF THE SOVIET FORCES. END TEXT.

3. FOR STOCKHOLM. PLEASE QUERY MFA AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL CONCERNING KAPLAN LETTER AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING WALLEMBERG THAT IT CONTAINS AS WELL AS SWEDISH ASSESSMENT OF LETTER'S VERACITY. RE PARA (4) REFTEL, EMBASSY MAY CONFIRM THAT APPROACH TO SOVIETS WAS MADE BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 21.

4. FOR TEL AVIV. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER YOU CAN OBTAIN FROM ISRAELI SOURCES. FYI: NEW ISRAELI MINISTER-COUNSELOR YANAI WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM TEL AVIV OPINED TO BARRY (EUR) THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSUADED THAT THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO VALID EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT WALLEMBERG MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO MRS. BILDER AND HAD BEEN PERSUADED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH KAPLAN WORTH PURSUING. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT LETTER REFERRED TO IN PRESS IS A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE CASE BUT RATHER A REF-

ERENCE TO A PREVIOUS LETTER WHICH DID NOT IDENTIFY WALLEMBERG BY NAME AS THE PERSON WHO WAS SEEN IN SOVIET PRISON. END FYI.

5. FOR STOCKHOLM: ACCORDING TO YANAI, ISRAELI INFORMATION IS THAT SOVIETS TURNED OVER DOCUMENTS ON WALLEMBERG'S IMPRISONMENT AND DEATH TO SWEDES. YANAI SAID THAT DETAILED RECORDS HAD BEEN KEPT IN 1945-47 IN LYUBLYANKA PRISON AND IMPLIED THAT DOCUMENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXCERPTS FROM THESE RECORDS. PLEASE INQUIRE OF MFA AS TO WHETHER SUCH DOCUMENTS WERE INDEED PROVIDED. CHRISTOPHER

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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/24/85 (KULICK, GILBERT D.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, UR, SW
SUBJECT: WALLEMBERG CASE

REF: (A) STATE 216676, (B) STOCKHOLM 3484

1. (C- ENTIRE TEXT).

2. THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WALLEMBERG CASE IS MFA SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR SOVIET AFFAIRS NEHEMIAH LEVANON. LEVANON IS PRESENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND WILL BE AT THE ISRAELI CONSULATE IN NEW YORK FOR THE NEXT WEEK.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMHOFF, SWEDISH CHARGE WILKINS CONFIRMED GOS VIEWS AS REFLECTED REF B. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WERE CERTAIN INCONSISTENCIES IN THE LETTER, E.G., THE FACT THAT MRS. KAPLAN'S STATEMENT THAT HER HUSBAND WAS ARRESTED IN 1975 DID NOT COINCIDE WITH EARLIER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DR. BILDER AND

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KALINSKY, HE WAS "90 PERCENT CONVINCED" THAT THE LETTER WAS AUTHENTIC.

4. JOHN BIERMAN, ON THE OTHER HAND, TOLD DCM HE HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE LETTER'S AUTHENTICITY. HE SAID AN EXPERIENCED RUSSIAN TRANSLATOR, TO WHOM HE HAD SHOWN A PHOTOCOPY OF THE LETTER, CONCLUDED THAT THE HANDWRITING DID NOT LOOK LIKE THAT OF A 60-YEAR OLD WOMAN AND THAT ITS STILTED PHRASEOLOGY SUGGESTED THAT IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY AN EMIGRE WHO HAD NOT BEEN IN THE USSR FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, A SECOND TRANSLATOR, WHOM HE ALSO REGARDED AS RELIABLE, THOUGHT THAT THE LETTER COULD WELL BE AUTHENTIC.

5. BIERMAN'S SUSPICIONS WERE ALSO AROUSED BY THE FACT THAT HE WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO SEE THE ORIGINAL LETTER AND THAT ALL HIS CONTACTS WITH DR. BILDER HAD BEEN THROUGH A SHADOWY INTERMEDIARY. HE SAID DR. BILDER CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED THREATENING PHONE CALLS, WHICH SHE THOUGHT WERE FROM THE KGB, WARNING HER NOT TO PURSUE THE WALLENBERG STORY. BIERMAN QUESTIONED WHETHER SUCH CALLS COULD REALLY GET THROUGH FROM THE USSR WITHOUT BEING MONITORED BY THE ISRAELIS.

6. DESPITE HIS SUSPICION THAT HE WAS BEING "SET UP" BY THE ISRAELIS, BIERMAN PLANS TO PURSUE THE STORY AND IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE EITHER BBC OR SWEDISH TELEVISION TO PRODUCE A DOCUMENTARY ON THE SUBJECT. HE IS ALSO PLANNING TO GO TO SWEDEN TO INTERVIEW A MAN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN WALLENBERG IN THE USSR. VIETS

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SUBJ: WALLEMBERG CASE

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2. REF TELEGRAM SUGGESTED THAT JOHN BIERMAN OF THE BOSTON GLOBE IS PLANNING TO VISIT SWEDEN IN ORDER TO INTERVIEW A MAN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN WALLEMBERG IN THE SOVIET UNION. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO INSISTS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS NOT AWARE OF ANYONE NOW IN SWEDEN WHO MAKES SUCH CLAIMS. ABRAHAM KALINSKI IS SUPPOSED STILL TO BE IN ISRAEL. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EFFORTS EMBASSY TEL AVIV MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE TO THROW FURTHER LIGHT ON THIS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE KAPLAN LETTER, OUR FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH ANNA BILDER HAVE TENDED TO CONFIRM

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SWEDISH VIEW AS TO THE LETTER'S AUTHENTICITY.
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1. HQS AIRMAILING [REDACTED] TO CAMPAIGN ADDRESS 11 AUGUST 79 WASHINGTON POST REPRINT OF JOHN BIERMAN (BOSTON GLOBE) STORY THAT SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY INVESTIGATION LETTER FROM MOSCOW BY EUGENIA KAPLAN TO DAUGHTER ANNA BILDER IN ISRAEL SAYING KAPLAN'S HUSBAND HAD MET RAOUL WALLENBERG IN BUTYRKA PRISON INFIRMARY IN 1975.

2. STATE DEPT. TELEGRAM 216676, DATED 18 AUG 79, CONTAINS - IN ADDITION TO TEXT OF ABOVE-MENTIONED WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO [REDACTED]
"FOR STOCKHOLM. PLEASE QUERY MFA AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL CONCERNING KAPLAN LETTER AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING WALLENBERG THAT IT CONTAINS, AS WELL AS SWEDISH ASSESSMENT OF LETTER'S VERACITY.EMBASSY MAY CONFIRM THAT APPROACH TO SOVIETS WAS MADE BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON ON 21 JULY.

"FOR TEL AVIV. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER YOU CAN OBTAIN FROM ISRAELI SOURCES. FYI: NEW ISRAELI MINISTER-COUNSELOR YANAI WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM TEL AVIV OPINED TO BARRY (EUR) THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSUADED THAT THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO VALID EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT WALLENBERG MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO MRS. BILDER AND HAD BEEN PERSUADED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH KAPLAN NOW PURSUING. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT LETTER REFERRED TO IN PRESS IS A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE CASE BUT RATHER A REFERENCE TO A PREVIOUS LETTER WHICH DID NOT IDENTIFY WALLENBERG BY NAME AS THE PERSON WHO WAS SEEN IN SOVIET PRISON.

"FOR STOCKHOLM: ACCORDING TO YANAI, ISRAELI INFORMATION IS THAT SOVIETS TURNED OVER DOCUMENTS ON WALLENBERG'S IMPRISONMENT AND DEATH TO SWEDES. YANAI SAID THAT DETAILED RECORDS HAD BEEN KEPT IN 1945-47 IN LYUBLYANKA PRISON AND IMPLIED THAT DOCUMENTS

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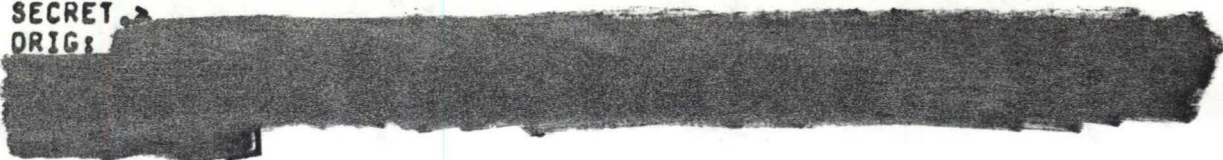
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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 8/29/04 (KENNEDY-MINOTT RODNEY) OR-M
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, SW, UR, US
SUBJ: ULLSTEN LETTER TO KOSYGIN DEMANDING INFORMATION ON WALLENBERG
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REF: STOCKHOLM 3485

1. (S) THE SWEDISH PRESS HAS NOW BEEN BRIEFED ON PRIME MINISTER ULLSTEN'S LETTER TO KOSYGIN, WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN STOCKHOLM ON AUGUST 22. ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT (DAGENS NYHETER), FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY LEIFLAND "CONFIRMED" INFORMATION ABOUT THE LETTER IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM A SWEDISH WIRE SERVICE (TT). LEIFLAND IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT AS OF TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 28, THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THE ULLSTEN LETTER. THUS IT APPEARS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW THE SOVIETS TWO WEEKS FOR A RESPONSE BEFORE DESCRIBING THE LETTER TO THE PRESS.

2. (U) ACCORDING TO SWEDISH PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE ULLSTEN LETTER REQUESTS THAT A SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE BE ALLOWED

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TO MEET WITH JAN KAPLAN AS A RESULT OF NEW INFORMATION IN THE CASE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS REPORTED TO BE AS YET UNWILLING TO REVEAL THE NATURE OF THIS NEW INFORMATION. HOWEVER, PRESS ACCOUNTS SUGGEST THAT IT IS PROBABLY A RESULT OF THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE SWEDISH NOTE OF JANUARY 1979 TO MOSCOW CONCERNING WALLEMBERG.

3. (S) THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH IS, OF COURSE, INACCURATE.
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1. [REDACTED] MET 24 AUGUST. WALLENBERG STORY SET FOR FULL LENGTH BROADCAST (PRESUMABLY ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES) IN EARLY OCTOBER. [REDACTED] HOPES MAKE ONE MORE TRIP TO ISRAEL TO INTERVIEW KALINSKI.

2. JULY INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] ON GROWING MINORITIES THREAT TO SOVIETS WILL BE SHORT FEATURE BROADCAST 12 SEPTEMBER.

3. POUCHING VIA TM 515967 TEXTS AND TAPES OF 13 AUG (BERLIN WALL ANNIVERSARY) FULL LENGTH BROADCAST OF BRITISH FILM "TRADING IN MISERY" - ZDF TITLE: "KOPFGELD FUER FREIHEIT"; SHORT SPOT FROM 15 AUGUST BROADCAST, "BUERGERRECHTLER IN PRAG KLAGEN AN", AND NEWS ARTICLE REPLAY OF LATTER IN DIE WELT. PLS ENSURE LATTER CHARTER 77 ITEMS SEEN BY INTERESTED CZECH WATCHERS.

4. [REDACTED] MICROFILM READER GOES UNDER DUAL NAME OF SEACO 211 OR KARDEX 210, PURCHASED AT SPERRY RAND OUTLET IN FRANKFURT IN 1972. [REDACTED] FILM PROCESSOR REDUCES HIS FILM WITH KODAK STARFIRE TO SIX TO EIGHT STRIPS OF FILM WHICH ARE INSERTED INTO CELLOPHANE JACKET ABOUT 3 BY 5 IN. ABOUT EIGHTY PAGES CONTAINED IN ONE JACKET. JACKET IS THEN SLIPPED INTO MICROFILM BASE FOR VIEWING. [REDACTED] SAYS MAIN PROBLEM IS BASE NOT EASILY MANEUVERABLE TO LOCATE DESIRED PAGE NOR EASILY MOVED FROM HORIZONTAL TO VERTICAL POSITION TO VIEW PAGES WHICH LIE PERPENDICULAR TO OTHERS IN JACKET. PLEASE ADVISE U.S. PRICES FOR SUITABLE REPLACEMENT MICROFILM READER.

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5. NEXT [REDACTED] MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER AFTER WHICH [REDACTED]
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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 8/31/89 (GARRISON, MARK) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, SHUM, PINT, OREP, UR, SW
SUBJECT: WALLENBERG CASE: SENATOR BIDEN'S INTERVENTION
WITH SOVIETS

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE SWEDISH EMBASSY HAS QUERIED US ABOUT A STORY A SWEDISH JOURNALIST HAS PICKED UP THAT BIDEN GAVE BREZHNEV A LETTER ON THE WALLENBERG CASE. WE INFORMED SWEDISH EMBASSY THAT SENATOR BIDEN DID GIVE A SHORT INTERVIEW TO A SWEDISH JOURNALIST AT THE HOTEL SOVETSKAYA ON AUGUST 30 CONCERNING WALLENBERG CASE, BUT WE WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC MENTION OF A LETTER TO BREZHNEV.

3. SWEDISH JOURNALIST DID APPROACH EMBOFF AT HOTEL IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE HAD INTERVIEWED THE SENATOR AND INQUIRED IF EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF A LETTER FROM BIDEN TO BREZHNEV ON WALLENBERG. (IN THE CORRIDOR CONFUSION AT THE HOTEL, SHE HAD SEEN OR HEARD DISCUSSION OF THE EMBASSY)

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BEING GIVEN A LETTER TO HANDLE.) EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THERE WAS A LETTER GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY TO FORWARD TO BREZHNEV BUT THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER WERE UNKNOWN. JOURNALIST STATED THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD BIDEN HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO BREZHNEV ON WALLENGER.

4. AT THE AIRPORT UPON DEPARTURE ON AUGUST 30, SENATOR BIDEN TOLD THE CHARGE THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO RAISE THE WALLENGER CASE PRIVATELY WITH BREZHNEV IF HE HAD SEEN HIM, BUT SINCE HE HAD NOT SEEN BREZHNEV HAD DECIDED TO RAISE IT WITH ZAGLADIN AND ZHUKOV AT THE AIRPORT, URGING THAT THE SOVIET SIDE MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR WALLENGER TO RETURN HOME. GARRISON

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His role in US rescue efforts may
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WALLENBERG: A LINGERING TRAGEDY OF WORLD WAR II

January 1981 marked the 36th anniversary of the disappearance of Raoul Gustaf Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat credited with saving thousands of Hungarian Jews during World War II. Arrested by the Soviets in 1945, Wallenberg's fate remains a tantalizing mystery fed by continuing reports that he survives somewhere in the Soviet gulag. Pressure from successive Swedish governments as well as recent queries from the United States and Israel have failed to extract a satisfactory explanation from Moscow. Neither Stalin, Khrushchev, or the current Soviet leadership have provided answers to why Wallenberg was arrested and detained, or what fate befell him. Although the definitive story may never be told, a look into the declassified documents of the US War Refugee Board, which actually sponsored Wallenberg's project, provides some interesting insights into the clandestine character of that organization—a factor that could have aroused Soviet suspicions and led to his disappearance.

In 1979, the US State Department accepted partial responsibility for Wallenberg's fate by admitting in a so-called "non paper" presented to the Soviet chargé in Washington that the US had provided funds for the program to save Hungarian Jews. The Department failed to reveal, however, that Wallenberg's contact man at the US legation in Stockholm, Iver C. Olsen, was a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the parent organization of the Central Intelligence Agency. The Hungarian project was one of about a half-dozen similar operations sponsored by the War Refugee Board—not the OSS—in an effort to save European Jewry from the Nazi holocaust. At great personal risk, Wallenberg extended neutralist Sweden's diplomatic protection to Hungarian Jews, often using false documents and bribery, and sometimes resorting to bold deceptions. He is credited with having saved at least 20,000 lives. Mentioned for the Nobel peace prize for the first time in 1948, his name has been put forward almost every year since.

Wallenberg was born to the recently widowed Baroness Maj von Dardel of Stockholm on August 4, 1912. His father was Jewish and was related to the wealthy Swedish banking family headed by Jacob and Marcus Wallenberg. Earlier generations of the Wallenberg family had enjoyed distinguished careers in the diplomatic service. One of Raoul's grand uncles had served as Swedish Minister to the Legation in the United States and another was Foreign Minister during World War I. His aunt was married to Colonel William Calvin of Connecticut, a former US military attache in Stockholm.

Wallenberg was an architect by profession and had studied at the University of Michigan in 1934 and 1935. US diplomatic correspondence following his disappearance indicates that he was well connected in Washington and may have been

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personally acquainted with President Roosevelt. He had been working with a firm in Stockholm in June 1944 when the Swedish Foreign Office approached him to take an assignment at the Swedish Legation in Budapest. Accepting the assignment, Wallenberg told the American Minister in Stockholm, Herschel Johnson, that he wanted to save lives and was not interested merely in filing reports to the Foreign Office. Both Johnson and Iver Olsen, who was also the War Refugee Board representative in Stockholm, were impressed with Wallenberg and described him as "our choice" for the job.

Johnson informed the Department in a cable on June 29, 1944 that the Swedish Foreign Office felt that by assigning Wallenberg to Budapest it was cooperating fully with the furtherance of an "American program." According to Johnson, Wallenberg felt that he was carrying out a mission for the US War Refugee Board—implying that he viewed his posting as an attache to the Swedish Legation as his cover. Consequently, the newly appointed attache requested that Washington cable full instructions outlining his duties, limits of authority and extent of financial support. Johnson recommended that Wallenberg not be restricted by a "concrete program," but be given rather general instructions that would allow him to deal with situations as they developed. He further informed Washington that arrangements had been made to communicate with Wallenberg in Budapest through the Foreign Office in Stockholm.

Wallenberg's instructions were passed in a War Refugee Board cable relayed in July by the State Department to Stockholm. They included an account of how much funding was available, a description of the various refugee escape channels that might be used to smuggle out Hungarian Jews and a list of possible friendly contacts in the Budapest area. Olsen was told to pass on to Wallenberg as much of this information as he deemed advisable. The Board's message also said that:

"while he (Wallenberg) cannot of course, act as the Board's representative, nor purport to act in its name, he can, whenever advisable, indicate that as a Swede he is free to communicate with Stockholm where a representative of the Board is stationed. He may thus express his willingness to lay before the Board's representative specific proposals if in any particular case he should deem so doing to be advisable, or if by reason of the nature of the proposals Olsen's or the Board's approval is necessary."

In order to appreciate Wallenberg's accomplishments it is necessary to understand the plight of European Jewry in the spring of 1944. The German army had suffered devastating losses in the East and the long anticipated Allied invasion of Europe seemed imminent. Despite accounts of the horrors of Nazi extermination camps, most Jews, particularly those in Hungary who had survived in one of Europe's most anti-semitic countries, were reluctant to believe the thoroughness of Hitler's "final solution." Many Jews fled from Germany, Slovakia, and Poland to Hungary despite its history of anti-semitism and its reputation as a loyal ally of Nazi Germany. Anti-semitism long had been an element of life in Hungary. In 1924, long before Hitler came to power, Hungary promulgated the first discriminatory laws against Jews.

Nevertheless, as the war drew to a close, the Jewish population in Hungary increased as a result of the influx of refugees. For their part, many Hungarian Jews thought Germany soon would pull back its forces and negotiate a surrender. The Horthy government certainly would have followed Berlin's lead. Instead, Horthy was deposed and on March 19, 1944 elements of the German army entered Budapest and the one-time ally for all practical purposes, became an occupied country under the

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Szalasi regime. A few days later, Adolf Eichmann, architect of the final solution, arrived in Budapest along with some of the most infamous officers of the Sonder Einsatzkommandos—the special section of the Gestapo charged with the extinction of Jews. Germany was going to lose the war but efforts to complete the extermination of the Jews was accorded top priority.

In spite of these developments, most Jews refused to take any defensive action. Efforts to form a resistance, spearheaded by young Hungarian Zionists, were only partially successful because the majority of Jews would not take up arms. The docility of the Hungarian Jews, choosing to believe that the Germans eventually would abandon their extermination plans, was turned to Nazi advantage by Eichmann. When Jews by the thousands were turned out of their homes and herded into ghettos and staging areas for transport to the death camps, Jewish leaders often went among their co-religionists urging them not to panic and to cooperate with Nazi and Hungarian authorities. As a result, during the spring and summer of 1944, some 800,000 Jews were transported from Hungary and executed.

Earlier that year, stories of the holocaust had begun to reach Washington, Stockholm and other world capitals. While few grasped the extent of the horror, President Roosevelt put into action plans to assist the remaining Jews to escape and to discourage further atrocities, particularly in countries allied to Germany. Roosevelt issued a statement warning the Hungarians and other German allies that the US was determined to see that those who shared the guilt of Nazi policies be punished. Similar resolutions were passed by both the House and Senate. Copies of both were given to Wallenberg with the instruction that whenever possible he should call them to the attention of the Hungarian authorities.

The War Refugee Board was established in January 1944 as part of the Executive Office of the President. The Board was composed of the Secretaries of State, Treasury and War. The Board's mission was to combat the Nazi efforts to exterminate captive people because of their race, religion, or political beliefs. The first Executive Director of the Board was John Pehle, assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury. He was succeeded a year later by Brigadier General William O'Dwyer who directed the Board until its dissolution in September 1945.

The records of the Board suggest that the experience gained by the Administration in setting up the Office of Strategic Services a few years earlier was used to establish the new organization. Special representatives served the Board in strategic areas in or near the European mainland—Turkey, Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, the UK, Italy, and North Africa. Their communications were classified and the Board's representatives and contacts in enemy territory—sometimes referred to as "agents"—often had cover. Although those of the Board's records dealing with Wallenberg fail to reveal any connection with any intelligence organization, a still classified list of OSS employees identifies Iver C. Olsen, the Board's representative in Stockholm and the link between Wallenberg and Washington, as a member of the Special Intelligence Branch, OSS. Olsen was a diplomat and Board representative; [REDACTED] in the fall of 1944, as well. If Olsen's identity was known to Soviet intelligence—[REDACTED]—it is possible that Wallenberg's contacts with American intelligence may have aroused Soviet suspicion.

Wallenberg arrived in Budapest in July and immediately rented a 16-room office which he placed under the extraterritoriality of the Swedish Legation. This office had a

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great deal more space than he needed for clerical functions, of course, and soon provided sanctuary for several prominent religious leaders. His advent had coincided with a temporary suspension in the transport of Jews to the camps. In two months prior to his arrival, however, Hungarian police had turned over 400,000 to the SS. With the temporary suspension order, local Hungarian authorities agreed to proposals by the War Refugee Board, the Swedish Red Cross and the Jewish Agency of Palestine that some Jews be allowed to emigrate and others be extended the protection of neutral legations in Budapest. Wallenberg seized on this and began acquiring properties throughout the city which he placed under the Swedish banner as sanctuaries for thousands of Jews.

A dispatch from Iver Olsen in Stockholm in August reflected the zeal with which Wallenberg approached his task. Olsen wrote John Pehle, Executive Director of the Board:

"I get the impression that the Swedish Foreign Office is somewhat uneasy about Wallenberg's activities in Budapest, and perhaps feel that he has jumped in with too big a splash. They would prefer, of course, to approach the Jewish problem in the finest traditions of European diplomacy, which wouldn't help too much."

In the same dispatch he relates how Wallenberg "left in a hell of a hurry with no instructions and no funds." The Board had ample funds but getting the monies to Wallenberg may have caused some problems as he frantically acquired properties and bribed local officials. Dealing with Hungarian authorities Wallenberg at first experienced considerable success; for example, the Hungarian Legation in Stockholm informed the Swedish Foreign Office in August that the Hungarian government agreed to authorize the emigration to Sweden of Jews recently granted citizenship by the Swedish king. Other Jews could emigrate, as well, provided they had relatives or long standing business connections in Sweden. Wallenberg screened thousands of Jews who might fit the criteria for emigration under the Hungarian edict and found some 5,000 of 9,000 eligible. He issued the necessary documentation for those who qualified and tried to protect the rest from being conscripted into labor battalions or transported to Germany by placing them in houses under the Swedish flag.

By the end of September, an additional 5,000 persons had been extended Swedish protection. According to a cable from Minister Johnson in Stockholm, deportations from Hungary to the death camps had officially stopped and Jews in Budapest appeared to be "reasonably safe for the time being." Wallenberg was less optimistic, as the German occupiers began extending their authority and Hungarian officials caved in. In some of the more remote concentration camps in Hungary, for example, German forces continued to commandeer Jewish prisoners for deportation.

When the deportations "officially" resumed, Wallenberg doubled his efforts to establish more "Swedish houses" and even sequestered some in private homes throughout Budapest. These Jews would otherwise have been deported or swept into labor battalions by the Nazis or their local adherents, the Hungarian Arrow Cross. According to some accounts, Wallenberg cooperated with the Swiss Legation and Hazalah, a small Jewish resistance group, in duplicating protection certificates and establishing sanctuaries. Several times, he reportedly faced down Nazi and Hungarian authorities trying to deport Jews under his governments's protection. According to a Stockholm press account forwarded to Washington by Minister Johnson, Wallenberg confronted armed Hungarian troops who had entered one of his houses in search of

labor conscripts and warned "none leaves this place as long as I live." Thus balked the troops withdrew; later their commander returned to talk with Wallenberg. After an hour, according to the story, Wallenberg received a written pledge from the commander saying that Jews under Swedish protection were exempt from labor service.

One of the most famous episodes involves Wallenberg racing a deportation train that was headed for the death camps in Germany. Apparently the Gestapo had herded several people with Swedish protection on a train already crowded with other Jews. Informed of this, Wallenberg raced to the Budapest railway station only to discover that the train had departed. He pursued it by car to a small town near the Hungarian border, confronted the train commander and demanded the release of the documented captives. The commander relented and Wallenberg returned to Budapest with "his" people—the rest of the passengers were not so fortunate.

The effectiveness of the Hungarian government waned in the months before the Soviet occupation in January 1945. No one was safe. Jews and other unfortunate minorities fell easy prey to the Gestapo, the Arrow Cross and other thugs. Wallenberg was harassed and it was rumored that the Arrow Cross had put a price on his head. His car was stolen and once his office staff was arrested. The confusion, however, probably contributed to the success of some of his efforts. Bogus documentation replete with forged stamps and seals was effective in persuading military authorities and police to release prisoners. Many Hungarian Jews owe their lives to the documents skillfully crafted by Wallenberg and others.

By December, the relief effort guided by Wallenberg had reached considerable proportions, with 335 employees in addition to about 40 physicians, house governors, and miscellaneous helpers. He had rented at least ten houses—one account claims 30—to shelter Jews and had two hospitals with a total of 150 beds, along with several soup kitchens and a ration card system for distributing food. Wallenberg had convinced the Hungarian authorities that Jews with foreign documentation already serving in labor battalions in Hungary should be returned to Budapest. Some 15,000 were. Through the intervention of Wallenberg and his staff over 2,000 others were snatched from deportation points at the last minute. According to a report from the Swedish Foreign Office, Jews bearing Swedish protective passports fared better than the other wards of foreign missions in Hungary.

Nevertheless, the situation in Budapest became even more dangerous as the Nazis and their Arrow Cross sympathizers made a last ditch attempt to annihilate those Jews still alive. Wallenberg devoted all his energies to caring for those under his protection and reportedly cooperated with nascent Jewish resistance groups. According to the account of a Polish officer who spent 15 years in Soviet prisons and who knew Wallenberg, the Swede spent the early weeks in January 1945 rounding up weapons for the small band of Jewish resistance fighters in Budapest. Some of these Hazalahs donned Gestapo garb and actually guarded properties used for quartering Jews.

By mid-January the first contingents of the Soviet army reached the environs of Budapest. One historian of this period claims that when a Soviet patrol visited the Swedish Legation on January 13 Wallenberg asked to be put in touch with the local Soviet commander. Four days later, according to a press account, Wallenberg, escorted by Soviet military personnel, appeared at the Jewish "relief office" in Budapest. He said he was on his way to see Marshal Rodion Malinovsky. "I'm going," he said but "I don't know if its as their guest or their prisoner."

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Another version of Wallenberg's disappearance is attributed to a Latvian named Krisko who worked as a Russian interpreter at the Swedish Legation in Budapest at the time. The Legation had employed Krisko to handle Russian traffic after Sweden accepted responsibility for Soviet interests when Hungary declared war on the USSR. Krisko and Wallenberg were arrested about the same time and held at a Soviet military facility outside Budapest. On January 20 they were flown to Moscow. This was the first time they had seen each other since before their arrest and, according to Krisko, Wallenberg, who was sitting under guard several feet away, nodded in recognition. Wallenberg, "looked buoyant, probably thinking his arrest was a misunderstanding." A few days later the Swedish Legation in Moscow was informed by the Soviets that Wallenberg was under their "protection."

As the plight of Jewish refugees improved following the Nazi collapse in Hungary, communications between Stockholm and the War Refugee Board diminished; it was April before Minister Johnson reported to Washington that Sweden had asked for US assistance in determining Wallenberg's fate. He said there had been unconfirmed radio reports that Wallenberg had been murdered, presumably by the Arrow Cross, and asked that our Embassy in Moscow be instructed to request assistance from the Soviet government. In reaction to Johnson's cable, Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau reminded Secretary of State Edward Stettinius of his own personal interest in Wallenberg in a handwritten note on April 4. Correspondence concerning Wallenberg tapered off over the summer and the War Refugee Board was dissolved in September.

Swedes loyal to Wallenberg, however, were loath to let the issue rest. A Wallenberg Committee was formed to pressure the Stockholm government to continue to query the Soviets. In the early post-war years, less than enthusiastic socialist governments in Stockholm tried to avoid provoking the Soviets. Nevertheless, after several attempts to elicit a response from Moscow, a functionary at the Soviet Legation in Stockholm said in 1946 that Wallenberg was "being taken care of for some foolish things he had done." Another story claimed that Wallenberg had been convicted by a Soviet court as an American spy and sentenced to 25 years.

There are a number of things that may have caused the Soviets to doubt Wallenberg's credentials. His modus operandi certainly exceeded standard diplomatic practice. The falsification of documents for Jewish refugees, the use of bribes, and his successful use of bluff and bravado on numerous occasions were probably known to them. His familiarity with the Soviet interests section of the Swedish Legation, implied by the interpreter Krisko who also was accused by the Soviets of being an American spy, may have increased those suspicions. The generally muddled condition of Wallenberg's bona fides is reflected in a portion of a digest cable from Allied headquarters in Caserta, Italy in May 1945. According to a source in Budapest (possibly Brigadier General Bonner Key, OSS):

"General Key has asked the Soviet military authorities for information regarding the whereabouts of Wallenberg, Meier, and Feller. The instruction in the Department's 12 for Budapest will be complied with as far as possible, but the fact that the Soviet authorities may well have conclusive proof of pro-Nazi collaboration on the part of Feller and possibly of Meier and Wallenberg should be of interest to the Department."

The reference to collaboration with the Nazi's probably referred to Wallenberg's use of bribes to gain the release of Jews and other refugees.

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Some of the communications passed by the War Refugee Board representative in Stockholm through the Swedish Foreign Office to Wallenberg also may have aroused suspicion. For example, shortly after Wallenberg arrived in Hungary, the Department of State asked Olsen in Stockholm to request him to forward to a Hungarian businessman a message from his partner in Los Angeles. The communication was cryptic with numerous references to the reputed partner's personal effects—ruby cuff links, his wife's gold bracelet, a brooch with green stone, etc. The businessman was to be told that he could expect to go to Switzerland soon and should "apply for a visa immediately." The Department's explanation for the message was that the two men were business associates and that the partner in Budapest soon was to go to Switzerland on banking business. The cable cautioned Olsen, however, that if he thought it was inappropriate for any reason to pass the message he was to advise the Board, which would reconsider the action. Although there is no indication that the message was passed to Wallenberg or by him to anyone else, such instructions, if compromised, could have raised questions about his assignment.

Efforts to get the Soviets to provide an explanation of what happened to Wallenberg span the 36 years since his disappearance. Stalin reportedly took a personal interest in investigating Wallenberg's case but failed to reveal his fate. When Khrushchev visited Stockholm in 1956 he was presented a petition by Wallenberg's mother and the Soviet leader promised to "clear up the matter." Subsequently, Moscow officially announced that a "man named Raoul Wallenberg died of a heart attack in July 1947" in Lubyanka prison. The Swedes requested the remains of the body—only to be told it had been cremated—despite the usual Soviet practice of burying deceased prisoners with their number plate affixed to a leg. In the Brezhnev era, Soviet officials seem torn between the Lubyanka story and another that asserts that Wallenberg was killed by Nazis or Hungarian fascists before the fall of Budapest in revenge for saving Jews.

A number of reports from prisoners released by the Soviets over the years since the 1950s trace Wallenberg's odyssey through the Soviet prison system. Former inmates of Lubyanka, Vladimir, Aleksandrov Central, Verkhneural'sk, and other prisons have reported meeting Wallenberg or of knowing some other prisoner who knew him. One of the most recent and credible accounts is that of Jan Kaplan, a former inmate of Butryka prison, who wrote his daughter in Israel that while in the prison infirmary in 1977 he had met a Swede who had been in several different prisons over the past 30 years. According to Kaplan, the Swede "was in pretty good condition." This report was subsequently relayed to Stockholm and the Swedish government sent yet another note to the Soviets in January 1979. The response: "No Further Information."

Nevertheless, the Israeli government felt that Kaplan's tale merited further investigation and Prime Minister Begin urged President Carter to ask Brezhnev about Wallenberg when the two leaders met at the Summit in Vienna in 1979. Members of the US delegation queried their Soviet counterparts to no avail. An earlier attempt to bring highlevel US pressure to bear on the Soviets may have occurred in 1973. According to Nina Lagergren, Wallenberg's half-sister who visited Washington in the summer of 1979, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger vetoed instructions from his staff to the US Ambassador in Moscow to demand information regarding Wallenberg. If so, Kissinger probably sensed that such a demand would have been detrimental to the spirit of detente. Lagergren's visit, however, coincided with the "non-paper" mentioned earlier which admitted partial US funding for Wallenberg's project.

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In January 1980—the 35th anniversary of Wallenberg's disappearance—a group representing Wallenberg demonstrated outside the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm. The Swedish Foreign Ministry issued a statement reviewing Wallenberg's role as a humanitarian and informed the Soviets that Sweden's demand for a complete disclosure concerning his fate remained unsatisfied. The government also released previously classified information detailing immediate postwar attempts to gain Wallenberg's freedom. The documents confirmed the unwillingness of Sweden's postwar governments to antagonize Moscow over Wallenberg. According to press reports, one document indicated that Stockholm had turned down an offer by former US Secretary of State Dean Acheson to intercede with the Soviets to gain Wallenberg's release.

On the 36th anniversary of Wallenberg's disappearance in January 1981, some 350 persons attended a "hearing" in Stockholm sponsored by the Swedish Wallenberg Association. Marcus Wallenberg, the patriarch of the Swedish banking dynasty, the British and Israeli ambassadors, and the wife of US Senator Daniel Moynihan, attended. Several former Soviet prisoners testified to direct or indirect contact with a Swedish prisoner long after 1947, when the Soviets claim Wallenberg died. Gideon Hausner, chairman of the Israeli Wallenberg Committee and the prosecutor of Adolph Eichmann, told the audience that he had seen no convincing evidence that Wallenberg had died. On the contrary, Hausner felt that there was "considerable material" to contradict the Soviet version of Wallenberg's fate. Hausner also reminded demonstrators that Wallenberg had been appointed to his task by President Roosevelt and declared "we don't want to relieve America of the responsibility to pursue the case." Hausner's comments were echoed by Simon Wiesenthal, founder of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna.

In all probability, such activities merely will annoy the Soviets, producing few results. It would seem unlikely that the present regime in Moscow would call attention to the fact that Wallenberg's life, or 36 years of it, had been forfeited to their whim. What could they say? That his arrest was simply a misunderstanding carried out by overzealous security personnel operating under a blanket order to arrest all suspicious foreigners in Budapest? Then what about his early years of detention? Thousands of German prisoners of war were detained in the Soviet Union for years after the war. Had Wallenberg been returned before 1950, for example, his detention might have been attributed to administrative error.

A possible opportunity to get a definitive answer to the Wallenberg affair may occur when a change in leadership takes place in the Soviet Union . . . a time when criticism of the previous regime is sometimes permitted. Until then, the true fate of Raoul Wallenberg may never be clear, but his humanitarian accomplishments are irrefutable.

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SUBJECT: RAUL WALLENBERG CASE

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON AUGUST 30 MR. GUY VON DARDEL, BROTHER OF RAUL WALLENBERG CALLED ON EUR/SDV DIRECTOR SHINN. MEETING WAS HELD AT VON DARDEL'S REQUEST.

3. VON DARDEL OPENED BY RECAPPING HIS RECENT LETTER TO DAS BARRY SEEKING USG ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING THE FATE OF HIS BROTHER. HE ASKED IF COMPUTER PRINTOUTS WERE AVAILABLE WITH NAMES OF SOVIET AND FOREIGN PRISONERS WHO HAD DIED IN THE SOVIET PRISON SYSTEM DURING AND AFTER WWII. SHINN EXPLAINED THAT REGRETFULLY THEY DO NOT EXIST. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO INTERVIEW FORMER SOVIET DEFECTORS FROM THAT ERA, NOW LIVING IN THE US, TO OBTAIN INSIGHTS AT LEAST ON THE MODUS OPERANDI OF THOSE TIMES VIS A VIS WALLENBERG.

4. MEETING ENDED WITH SHINN ASSURING VON DARDEL THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS

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SUBJECT: WALLEBERG CASE

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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. JOHN BIERMAN IS PRESENTLY IN LONDON WHERE HIS WIFE,
NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT HILARY BROWN, HAS JUST GIVEN
BIRTH TO A CHILD. IF EMBASSY STOCKHOLM OR GOS WISHES TO
PURSUE IDENTITY OF MAN REFERRED TO IN REF B, BIERMAN CAN
PROBABLY BE CONTACTED IN LONDON VIA BBC, FOR WHOM HE WAS
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SUBJECT: WALLEMBERG CASE

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2. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON RIERMAN'S ARTICLE, BUT IT WAS QUERIED ON SUBJECT CASE ON JULY 20 BY AMCIT HARVY ROSENFELD WHO WAS IN BUDAPEST RESEARCHING HIS "ROOTS". ROSENFELD VISITED EMBASSY AND SOUGHT TO ENLIST ITS ASSISTANCE IN DOING ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON JEWISH HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING FATE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WALLEMBERG. (ROSENFELD, A COLLEGE PROFESSOR, PLANS TO WRITE AN ARTICLE, POSSIBLY A BOOK ON THE HOLOCAUST). ROSENFELD PRESENTED TO EMHOFF A COPY OF A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN KEMP (NY). ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, DATED JUNE 28, KEMP HAD ASKED HUNGARIAN AMB ESZTERGALYDS TO PROVIDE "ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE" TO ROSENFELD IN MEETING

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WITH HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS "REGARDING THEIR EFFORTS TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLOCAUST'S VICTIMS. KEMP, ACCORDING TO ROSENFELD, DID NOT RECEIVE A REPLY FROM ESZTERGALYOS PRIOR TO HIS (ROSENFELD'S) DEPARTURE FROM U.S.

3. ROSENFELD ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH GOM MFA AND CHURCH AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, SAYING THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN BUDAPEST, INCLUDING DR. (MRS). SZEIFERT, AND THEY "KNEW NOTHING ABOUT WALLEMBERG". EMBOFF ADVISED U.S. DESK OFF AT MFA OF THE OVERALL NATURE OF ROSENFELD'S RESEARCH EFFORT AND ASKED IF HE COULD PUT ROSENFELD IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF GOM OFFICE FOR CHURCH AFFAIRS. DESK OFFICER WAS INITIALLY HESITANT PLEADING SHORT NOTICE, VACATIONING PERSONNEL, ETCMN BUT SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK. IN VIEW OF ROSENFELD'S SHORT TIME HERE (ABOUT A WEEK) EMBOFF AGAIN CALLED DESK OFFICER, WHO SAID HE WAS STILL WORKING ON MATTER AND THAT HE HAD NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON ON THE KEMP-ESZTERGALYOS CORRESPONDENCE. ROSENFELD, APPARENTLY FRUSTRATED, APPRECIATED EMB'S EFFORTS AND SAID HE WOULD VISIT SWEDISH EMBASSY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

4. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH EMB OFF (GANSLANDT) ROSENFELD VISITED SWEDISH EMBASSY BUT WAS TOLD SWEDISH EMBASSY HAD NO DOCUMENTATION ON WALLEMBERG CASE AND REFERRED HIM TO STOCKHOLM MFA.

5. COMMENT: SENSITIVITY OF GOM TO WALLEMBERG CASE MOST PROBABLE REASON FOR MFA'S FOOT-DRAGGING ON ROSENFELD'S REQUEST. THE HUNGARIANS CLEARLY DO NOT WANT TO TOUCH THIS CASE, OVER WHICH THEY HAD NO CONTROL WHEN IT OCCURRED AND THE MEMORY OF WHICH IS AN EMBARRASSMENT. ABOVE REPORTED SO THAT DEPARTMENT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BUDAPEST, EVEN IF THEY ARE ONLY PERIPHERAL TO WALLEMBERG CASE.
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2. REF TELEGRAM SUGGESTED THAT JOHN BIERMAN OF THE BOSTON GLOBE IS PLANNING TO VISIT SWEDEN IN ORDER TO INTERVIEW A MAN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN WALLEBERG IN THE SOVIET UNION. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO INSISTS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS NOT AWARE OF ANYONE NOW IN SWEDEN WHO MAKES SUCH CLAIMS. ABRAHAM KALINSKI IS SUPPOSED STILL TO BE IN ISRAEL. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EFFORTS EMBASSY TEL AVIV MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE TO THROW FURTHER LIGHT ON THIS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE KAPLAN LETTER, OUR FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH ANNA BILDER HAVE TENDED TO CONFIRM

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SWEDISH VIEW AS TO THE LETTER'S AUTHENTICITY.
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1. HQS AIRMAILING *[REDACTED]* TO CAMPAIGN ADDRESS 11 AUGUST 79 WASHINGTON POST REPRINT OF JOHN BIERMAN (BOSTON GLOBE) STORY THAT SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY INVESTIGATION LETTER FROM MOSCOW BY EUGENIA KAPLAN TO DAUGHTER ANNA BILDER IN ISRAEL SAYING KAPLAN'S HUSBAND HAD MET RAOUL WALLENBERG IN BUTYRKA PRISON INFIRMARY IN 1975.

2. STATE DEPT. TELEGRAM 216676, DATED 18 AUG 79, CONTAINS - IN ADDITION TO TEXT OF ABOVE-MENTIONED WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO *[REDACTED]*
"FOR STOCKHOLM. PLEASE QUERY MFA AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL CONCERNING KAPLAN LETTER AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING WALLENBERG THAT IT CONTAINS, AS WELL AS SWEDISH ASSESSMENT OF LETTER'S VERACITY.EMBASSY MAY CONFIRM THAT APPROACH TO SOVIETS WAS MADE BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON ON 21 JULY.

"FOR TEL AVIV. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER YOU CAN OBTAIN FROM ISRAELI SOURCES. FYI: NEW ISRAELI MINISTER-COUNSELOR YANAI WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM TEL AVIV OPINED TO BARRY (EUR) THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSUADED THAT THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO VALID EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT WALLENBERG MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO MRS. BILDER AND HAD BEEN PERSUADED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH KAPLAN WORTH PURSUING. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT LETTER REFERRED TO IN PRESS IS A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE CASE BUT RATHER A REFERENCE TO A PREVIOUS LETTER WHICH DID NOT IDENTIFY WALLENBERG BY NAME AS THE PERSON WHO WAS SEEN IN SOVIET PRISON.

"FOR STOCKHOLM: ACCORDING TO YANAI, ISRAELI INFORMATION IS THAT SOVIETS TURNED OVER DOCUMENTS ON WALLENBERG'S IMPRISONMENT AND DEATH TO SWEDES. YANAI SAID THAT DETAILED RECORDS HAD BEEN KEPT IN 1945-47 IN LYUBLYANKA PRISON AND IMPLIED THAT DOCUMENTS

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MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXCERPTS FROM THESE RECORDS. PLEASE INQUIRE OF
MFA AS TO WHETHER SUCH DOCUMENTS WERE INDEED PROVIDED."

3. PLS ADVISE STATUS [REDACTED] IS IT STILL
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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 8/29/04 (KENNEDY-MINOTT RODNEY) OR-M
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, SW, UR, US
SUBJ: ULLSTEN LETTER TO KOSYGIN DEMANDING INFORMATION ON WALLENGER
FATE

REF: STOCKHOLM 3485

1. (S) THE SWEDISH PRESS HAS NOW BEEN BRIEFED ON PRIME MINISTER ULLSTEN'S LETTER TO KOSYGIN, WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN STOCKHOLM ON AUGUST 22. ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT (DAGENS NYHETER), FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY LEIFLAND "CONFIRMED" INFORMATION ABOUT THE LETTER IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM A SWEDISH WIRE SERVICE (TT). LEIFLAND IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT AS OF TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 26, THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THE ULLSTEN LETTER. THUS IT APPEARS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW THE SOVIETS TWO WEEKS FOR A RESPONSE BEFORE DESCRIBING THE LETTER TO THE PRESS.

2. (U) ACCORDING TO SWEDISH PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE ULLSTEN LETTER REQUESTS THAT A SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE BE ALLOWED

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TO MEET WITH JAN KAPLAN AS A RESULT OF NEW INFORMATION IN
THE CASE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS REPORTED TO BE AS YET
UNWILLING TO REVEAL THE NATURE OF THIS NEW INFORMATION.
HOWEVER, PRESS ACCOUNTS SUGGEST THAT IT IS PROBABLY A
RESULT OF THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE SWEDISH NOTE OF
JANUARY 1979 TO MOSCOW CONCERNING WALLENBERG.

3. (S) THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH IS,
OF COURSE, INACCURATE.
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REFS: A. DIRECTOR 503836
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1. [REDACTED] ET 24 AUGUST. WALLENBERG STORY SET FOR FULL LENGTH BROADCAST (PRESUMABLY ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES) IN EARLY OCTOBER. [REDACTED] HOPES MAKE ONE MORE TRIP TO ISRAEL TO INTERVIEW KALINSKI.

2. JULY INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] ON GROWING MINORITIES THREAT TO SOVIETS WILL BE SHORT FEATURE BROADCAST 12 SEPTEMBER.

3. POUCHING VIA TM 515967 TEXTS AND TAPES OF 13 AUG (BERLIN WALL ANNIVERSARY) FULL LENGTH BROADCAST OF BRITISH FILM "TRADING IN MISERY" - ZDF TITLE: "KOPFGELD FUER FREIHEIT"; SHORT SPOT FROM 15 AUGUST BROADCAST, "BUERGERRECHTLER IN PRAG KLAGEN AN", AND NEWS ARTICLE REPLAY OF LATTER IN DIE WELT. PLS ENSURE LATTER CHARTER 77 ITEMS SEEN BY INTERESTED CZECH WATCHERS.

4. [REDACTED] MICROFILM READER GOES UNDER DUAL NAME OF SEACO 211 OR KARDEx 210, PURCHASED AT SPERRY RAND OUTLET IN FRANKFURT IN 1972. [REDACTED] FILM PROCESSOR REDUCES HIS FILM WITH KODAK STARFIRE TO SIX TO EIGHT STRIPS OF FILM WHICH ARE INSERTED INTO CELLOPHANE JACKET ABOUT 3 BY 5 IN. ABOUT EIGHTY PAGES CONTAINED IN ONE JACKET. JACKET IS THEN SLIPPED INTO MICROFILM BASE FOR VIEWING. [REDACTED] SAYS MAIN PROBLEM IS BASE NOT EASILY MANEUVERABLE TO LOCATE DESIRED PAGE NOR EASILY MOVED FROM HORIZONTAL TO VERTICAL POSITION TO VIEW PAGES WHICH LIE PERPENDICULAR TO OTHERS IN JACKET. PLEASE ADVISE U.S. PRICES FOR SUITABLE REPLACEMENT MICROFILM READER.

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LONDON FOR MR. BADER WITH CODEL BIDEN

E.O. 12065: RDS-1 8/31/89 (GARRISON, MARK) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, SHUM, PINT, OREP, UR, SW
SUBJECT: WALLENBERG CASE: SENATOR BIDEN'S INTERVENTION
WITH SOVIETS

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE SWEDISH EMBASSY HAS QUERIED US ABOUT A STORY A SWEDISH JOURNALIST HAS PICKED UP THAT BIDEN GAVE BREZHNEV A LETTER ON THE WALLENBERG CASE. WE INFORMED SWEDISH EMBASSY THAT SENATOR BIDEN DID GIVE A SHORT INTERVIEW TO A SWEDISH JOURNALIST AT THE HOTEL SOVETSKAYA ON AUGUST 30 CONCERNING WALLENBERG CASE, BUT WE WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC MENTION OF A LETTER TO BREZHNEV.

3. SWEDISH JOURNALIST DID APPROACH EMBOFF AT HOTEL IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE HAD INTERVIEWED THE SENATOR AND INQUIRED IF EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF A LETTER FROM BIDEN TO BREZHNEV ON WALLENBERG. (IN THE CORRIDOR CONFUSION AT THE HOTEL, SHE HAD SEEN OR HEARD DISCUSSION OF THE EMBASSY)

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BEING GIVEN A LETTER TO HANDLE.) EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THERE WAS A LETTER GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY TO FORWARD TO BREZHNEV BUT THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER WERE UNKNOWN. JOURNALIST STATED THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD BIDEN HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO BREZHNEV ON WALLENGER.

4. AT THE AIRPORT UPON DEPARTURE ON AUGUST 30, SENATOR BIDEN TOLD THE CHARGE THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO RAISE THE WALLENGER CASE PRIVATELY WITH BREZHNEV IF HE HAD SEEN HIM, BUT SINCE HE HAD NOT SEEN BREZHNEV HAD DECIDED TO RAISE IT WITH ZAGLADIN AND ZHUKOV AT THE AIRPORT, URGING THAT THE SOVIET SIDE MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR WALLENGER TO RETURN HOME. GARRISON

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 9/1/99 (GOODBY, J.) EUR

TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, PINT, SHUM, UR, SW

SUBJECT: RAOUL WALLENBERG CASE

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON AUGUST 30 MR. GUY VON DARDEL, BROTHER OF RAOUL WALLENBERG CALLED ON EUR/DOV DIRECTOR SHINN. MEETING WAS HELD AT VON DARDEL'S REQUEST.

3. VON DARDEL OPENED BY RECAPPING HIS RECENT LETTER TO DAS BARRY SEEKING USG ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING THE FATE OF HIS BROTHER. HE ASKED IF COMPUTER PRINTOUTS WERE AVAILABLE WITH NAMES OF SOVIET AND FOREIGN PRISONERS WHO HAD DIED IN THE SOVIET PRISON SYSTEM DURING AND AFTER WWII. SHINN EXPLAINED THAT REGRETFULLY THEY DO NOT EXIST. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO INTERVIEW FORMER SOVIET DEFECTORS FROM THAT ERA, NOW LIVING IN THE US, TO OBTAIN INSIGHTS AT LEAST ON THE MODUS OPERANDI OF THOSE TIMES VIS A VIS WALLENBERG.

4. MEETING ENDED WITH SHINN ASSURING VON DARDEL THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS

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POSSIBILITY AND PROMISED TO ADVISE VON DARDEL OF ANY SUCCESS
WE MAY HAVE VIA THE SWEDISH EMBASSY. VANCE

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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/29/85 (KULICK, GILBERT D.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, UR, SW
SUBJECT: WALLENGER CASE

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 3544 (B) TEL AVIV 18423

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. JOHN BIERMAN IS PRESENTLY IN LONDON WHERE HIS WIFE,
NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT HILARY BROWN, HAS JUST GIVEN
BIRTH TO A CHILD. IF EMBASSY STOCKHOLM OR GDS WISHES TO
PURSUE IDENTITY OF MAN REFERRED TO IN REF B, BIERMAN CAN
PROBABLY BE CONTACTED IN LONDON VIA BBC, FOR WHOM HE WAS
UNTIL RECENTLY CORRESPONDENT IN ISRAEL. VIETS

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E.O. ONPYT: WDS 8/29/94 (MILGIS, HERBERT E. JR) DR-4
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, SHUX, HU, UR, SW
SUBJECT: WALLENGER CASE

REF: A) STATE 216676, B) STOCKHOLM 3484, C) TEL AVIV 18423

1. C- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON RIERMAN'S ARTICLE, BUT IT WAS QUERIED ON SUBJECT CASE ON JULY 20 BY AMCIT HARVY ROSENFELD WHO WAS IN BUDAPEST RESEARCHING HIS "ROOTS". ROSENFELD VISITED EMBASSY AND SOUGHT TO ENLIST ITS ASSISTANCE IN DOING ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON JEWISH HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING FATE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WALLENGER. (ROSENFELD, A COLLEGE PROFESSOR, PLANS TO WRITE AN ARTICLE, POSSIBLY A BOOK ON THE HOLOCAUST). ROSENFELD PRESENTED TO EMHOFF A COPY OF A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN KEMP (NY). ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, DATED JUNE 28, KEMP HAD ASKED HUNGARIAN AMB ESZTERGALYOS TO PROVIDE "ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE" TO ROSENFELD IN MEETING

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WITH HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS "REGARDING THEIR EFFORTS TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLOCAUST'S VICTIMS. KEMP, ACCORDING TO ROSENFELD, DID NOT RECEIVE A REPLY FROM ESZTERGALYOS PRIOR TO HIS (ROSENFELD'S) DEPARTURE FROM U.S.

3. ROSENFELD ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH GOM MFA AND CHURCH AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, SAYING THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN BUDAPEST, INCLUDING DR. (MRS). SZEIFERT, AND THEY "KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HALLENBERG". EMBOFF ADVISED U.S. DESK OFF AT MFA OF THE OVERALL NATURE OF ROSENFELD'S RESEARCH EFFORT AND ASKED IF HE COULD PUT ROSENFELD IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF GOM OFFICE FOR CHURCH AFFAIRS. DESK OFFICER WAS INITIALLY HESITANT PLEADING SHORT NOTICE, VACATIONING PERSONNEL, ETCMN BUT SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK. IN VIEW OF ROSENFELD'S SHORT TIME HERE (ABOUT A WEEK) EMBOFF AGAIN CALLED DESK OFFICER, WHO SAID HE WAS STILL WORKING ON MATTER AND THAT HE HAD NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON ON THE KEMP-ESZTERGALYOS CORRESPONDENCE. ROSENFELD, APPARENTLY FRUSTRATED, APPRECIATED EMB'S EFFORTS AND SAID HE WOULD VISIT SWEDISH EMBASSY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

4. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH EMB OFF (GANSLANDT) ROSENFELD VISITED SWEDISH EMBASSY BUT WAS TOLD SWEDISH EMBASSY HAD NO DOCUMENTATION ON HALLENBERG CASE AND REFERRED HIM TO STOCKHOLM MFA.

5. COMMENT: SENSITIVITY OF GOM TO HALLENBERG CASE MOST PROBABLE REASON FOR MFA'S FOOT-DRAGGING ON ROSENFELD'S REQUEST. THE HUNGARIANS CLEARLY DO NOT WANT TO TOUCH THIS CASE, OVER WHICH THEY HAD NO CONTROL WHEN IT OCCURRED AND THE MEMORY OF WHICH IS AN EMBARRASSMENT. ABOVE REPORTED SO THAT DEPARTMENT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BUDAPEST, EVEN IF THEY ARE ONLY PERIPHERAL TO HALLENBERG CASE.
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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/30/85 (BREISKY, ARTHUR E.) OR-P
 TAGS: SHUM, UR, SW
 SUBJ: WALLENBERG CASE

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 18724, (B) STOCKHOLM 3544, (C) TEL AVIV 18423

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE ARE REPEATING FOR YOUR INFORMATION THREE REFTELS WHICH RELATED TO INFORMATION IN THE POSSESSION OF BOSTON GLOBE CORRESPONDENT JOHN BIERMAN CONCERNING THE CASE OF RAUL WALLEMBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO WAS SWALLOWED UP IN THE SOVIET PRISON SYSTEM AFTER WORLD WAR II. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT BIERMAN HAD IN MIND IN SUGGESTING TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV THAT HE KNOWS OF A MAN IN SWEDEN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN WALLEMBERG. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EFFORT BY EMBASSY LONDON TO FOLLOW UP THIS POINT WITH BIERMAN, WHO WE UNDERSTAND CAN BE CONTACTED IN LONDON THROUGH THE BBC.
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EO 12065: RDS-1, 8/31/89 (CANNEY, PAUL F.) OR=M
TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, SHUM, PINT, UR, SW
SUBJECT: THE WALLENBERG CASE - RAUL WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION FORMED
IN SWEDEN; THE BIDEN LETTER

REF: MOSCOW 21318

1. (U) THE SWEDISH "RAUL WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION" WAS FORMALLY LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 3 IN STOCKHOLM BY 25 MOSTLY PROMINENT SWEDISH CITIZENS, INCLUDING POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS, AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE. THE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED IT WOULD COOPERATE WITH SIMILAR ASSOCIATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY WALLENBERG'S FATE AND, IF HE IS ALIVE, TO HAVE HIM RELEASED FROM THE SOVIET UNION. SERVING AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT IS HANNA SVARTZ, A PROMINENT SWEDISH PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE. THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW RUNNING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SWEDISH PRESS SOLICITING MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS OF 25 SKR (ROUGHLY \$6).

2. (U) AT THE ASSOCIATION'S INAUGURAL PRESS CONFERENCE WERE WALLENBERG'S HALF SISTER, MRS. NINA LAGERGREN; THE

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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SWEDISH RED CROSS, ANDERS WIJLMAN; AND MRS. ANNETTE LANTOS OF THE US ACTION GROUP FOR WALLENBERG. MRS. LANTOS REPORTEDLY STATED THAT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE PRESIDENT CARTER WILL TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE WALLENBERG CASE, THAT ACTRESS LIV ULLMAN HOPES TO SEE THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE CASE, TOGETHER WITH WALLENBERG'S HALF BROTHER, GUY VON DARDEL, WHO IS NOW IN THE US. MRS. LANTOS ALSO SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED HOPES THAT THE WALLENBERG AFFAIR WOULD BE SOLVED NEXT YEAR. SHE SAID THE SECRETARY HAD TOLD "US" THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD NOT TAKE A "NO" FROM THE RUSSIANS. WIJLMAN, FOR HIS PART, TERMED THE FORMATION OF THE WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION "ONE OF THE LAST CHANCES TO MAKE AN ACTIVE ATTEMPT TO SAVE WALLENBERG," AND PROMISED TO BRING UP THE CASE WITH THE RUSSIANS IN THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

3. (C) COMMENT: THE MFA VIEWS THE FORMATION OF THE WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION WITH SATISFACTION BUT PLANS NO TIES TO IT. END COMMENT.

4. (C) ACTION REQUESTED: THE SWEDISH PRESS ALSO CARRIES THE STORY THAT SENATOR BIDEN DELIVERED IN MOSCOW A LETTER TO BREZHNEV REGARDING WALLENBERG. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE MFA IF WE CAN CONFIRM WHETHER THE LETTER CONTAINS ANYTHING ON WALLENBERG (THE REFTEL IS NOT CONCLUSIVE ON THIS), AND WHETHER BIDEN CAN BE ASKED WHAT REACTION HE GOT TO THE APPROACH HE MADE AT MOSCOW AIRPORT.
KENNEDY-MINOTT

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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/30/85 (BREISKY, ARTHUR E.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, UR, SW
SUBJ: WALLENBERG CASE

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 18724, (B) STOCKHOLM 3544, (C) TEL AVIV 18423

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IN SWEDEN; THE BIDEN LETTER

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1. (U) THE SWEDISH "RAUL WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION" WAS FORMALLY LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 3 IN STOCKHOLM BY 25 MOSTLY PROMINENT SWEDISH CITIZENS, INCLUDING POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS, AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE. THE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED IT WOULD COOPERATE WITH SIMILAR ASSOCIATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY WALLENBERG'S FATE AND, IF HE IS ALIVE, TO HAVE HIM RELEASED FROM THE SOVIET UNION. SERVING AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT IS NANNA SVARTZ, A PROMINENT SWEDISH PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE. THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW RUNNING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SWEDISH PRESS SOLICITING MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS OF 25 SKR (ROUGHLY \$6).

2. (U) AT THE ASSOCIATION'S INAUGURAL PRESS CONFERENCE WERE WALLENBERG'S HALF SISTER, MRS. NINA LAGERGREN; THE

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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SWEDISH RED CROSS, ANDERS WIJLMAN; AND MRS. ANNETTE LANTOS OF THE US ACTION GROUP FOR WALLEMBERG. MRS. LANTOS REPORTEDLY STATED THAT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE PRESIDENT CARTER WILL TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE WALLEMBERG CASE, THAT ACTRESS LIV ULLMAN HOPES TO SEE THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE CASE, TOGETHER WITH WALLEMBERG'S HALF BROTHER, GUY VON DARDEL, WHO IS NOW IN THE US. MRS. LANTOS ALSO SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED HOPES THAT THE WALLEMBERG AFFAIR WOULD BE SOLVED NEXT YEAR. SHE SAID THE SECRETARY HAD TOLD "US" THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD NOT TAKE A "NO" FROM THE RUSSIANS. WIJLMAN, FOR HIS PART, TERMED THE FORMATION OF THE WALLEMBERG ASSOCIATION "ONE OF THE LAST CHANCES TO MAKE AN ACTIVE ATTEMPT TO SAVE WALLEMBERG," AND PROMISED TO BRING UP THE CASE WITH THE RUSSIANS IN THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

3. (C) COMMENT: THE MFA VIEWS THE FORMATION OF THE WALLEMBERG ASSOCIATION WITH SATISFACTION BUT PLANS NO TIES TO IT. END COMMENT.

4. (C) ACTION REQUESTED: THE SWEDISH PRESS ALSO CARRIES THE STORY THAT SENATOR BIDEN DELIVERED IN MOSCOW A LETTER TO BREZHNEV REGARDING WALLEMBERG. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE MFA IF WE CAN CONFIRM WHETHER THE LETTER CONTAINS ANYTHING ON WALLEMBERG (THE REFTEL IS NOT CONCLUSIVE ON THIS), AND WHETHER BIDEN CAN BE ASKED WHAT REACTION HE GOT TO THE APPROACH HE MADE AT MOSCOW AIRPORT.
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